

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Anthony J. Casella, reg. no. 24,095 on March 3, 2010.

3. The claims have been amended as follows:

a. Replace claim 1 to read as of the following,

In Claim 1,

1. (Currently Amended) An interactive, multi-user media delivery system comprising:
 - a) at least two portable media storage mediums, each of said portable storage mediums at least containing a substantially identical copy of a particular media selection;
 - b) at least two media players structured to selectively deliver said media selection to a user from a corresponding one of said portable storage mediums;
 - c) each of said media players including a control assembly structured to selectively control and regulate delivery of said media selection to the user;
 - d) at least one of said media players being selectively designatable as a slave unit;
 - e) a master control assembly operatively associated with said media players;
 - f) a connectivity assembly structured to establish a communicative link at least

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between said slave unit and said master control assembly;

g) said master control assembly structured to receive synchronization data of said media selection from each of said media players at commencement of delivery of said media selection, said synchronization data including a title and location designator associated with said media selection; [[and]]

h) said master control assembly structured to unlock said media selection that is previously not available for viewing to the user; and

i) said master control assembly structured to periodically poll each of said media players to receive further synchronization data from each of said media players to identify what in said media selection is being delivered and to simultaneously and uniformly synchronize said delivery of said media selection by controlling each of said media players based on said polled and received synchronization data.

b. Cancel claims 32-34,

32-34. (Canceled)

c. Replace claim 35 to read as of the following,

In Claim 35,

35. (Currently Amended) The interactive, multi-user media delivery system as recited in claim [[34]] 1 wherein said location designator includes a time code of said media selection.

d. Replace claim 36 to read as of the following,

In Claim 36,

36. (Currently Amended) The interactive, multi-user media delivery system as recited in claim [[34]] 1 wherein said location designator includes a track number of said media selection.

e. Cancel claims 37-42,

37-42. (Canceled)

f. Replace claim 44 to read as of the following,

In Claim 44,

44. (Currently Amended) An interactive, multi-user media delivery system comprising:
at least two removable media storage mediums, each of said removable storage mediums at least containing a substantially identical copy of a particular media selection;
at least two media players structured to selectively deliver said media selection to a user from a corresponding one of said removable storage mediums;
each of said media players including a control assembly structured to selectively control and regulate delivery of said media selection to the user;
at least one of said media players being selectively designatable as a slave unit;
a master control assembly operatively associated with said media players;
a connectivity assembly structured to establish a communicative link at least between said slave unit and said master control assembly;

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said master control assembly structured to receive synchronization data of said media selection from each of said media players at commencement of delivery of said media selection, said synchronization data including a title and location designator associated with said media selection;

said master control assembly structured to unlock said media selection that is previously not available for viewing to the user;

said master control assembly structured to periodically poll each of said media players to receive further synchronization data from each of said media players to identify what in said media selection is being delivered and to simultaneously and uniformly synchronize said delivery of said media selection by controlling each of said media players based on said polled and received synchronization data; and

a messaging assembly operatively associated with each of said media players, said messaging assembly structured to permit selective messaging communication initiated by said users to said users of said media players while said media selection is being delivered to said users.

Reason for Allowance

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the prior art of records teach or suggest in combination features of at least two media storage mediums, each of said storage mediums at least containing a substantially identical copy of a particular media selection; at least two media players structured to selectively deliver said media selection to a user from a corresponding one of said storage mediums; each of said media players including a control assembly structured to selectively control and regulate delivery of said media selection to

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the user; at least one of said media players being selectively designatable as a slave unit; a master control assembly operatively associated with said media players; a connectivity assembly structured to establish a communicative link at least between said slave unit and said master control assembly; said master control assembly structured to receive synchronization data of said media selection from each of said media players at commencement of delivery of said media selection, said synchronization data including a title and location designator associated with said media selection; said master control assembly structured to unlock said media selection that is previously not available for viewing to the user; said master control assembly structured to periodically poll each of said media players to receive further synchronization data from each of said media players to identify what in said media selection is being delivered and to simultaneously and uniformly synchronize said delivery of said media selection by controlling each of said media players based on said polled and received synchronization data.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip C Lee whose telephone number is (571)272-3967. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 AM TO 5:30 PM Monday to Thursday and every other Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Firmin Backer can be reached on (571) 272-6703. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available

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